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CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK ACTIVITIES PLANNED

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's LEAD (Learning by Example to Accept Diversity) student leadership group is sponsoring a variety of week-long activities focusing on cultural diversity.

LEAD members have designated April 15-19 as "A Week of Focus on Cultural Diversity" as part of their continuing effort to bring about cultural and racial cohesiveness on the Eastern campus and in the community, according to Ray Calabrese, LEAD advisor and chair of the Department of Educational Administration at Eastern.

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY

A public forum at 7 p.m., April 18, in the University Ballroom, University Union, led by Reginald Wilson, Senior Scholar of the American Council on Education and former Visiting Professor for Cultural Diversity at Eastern, will highlight the week's activities.

Wilson, who played an integral role in the development of LEAD, will discuss the "Changing Nature of Campus Racism." His presentation will be followed by a panel discussion. He will also conduct a retreat for LEAD members later in the week.

Other activities during the week that are open to the public include a seminar on "Inviting Diversity" during a noon brown bag luncheon April 15 in the Paris Room, University Union. EIU Psychology Professor William Kirk will lead the discussion.

On Tuesday, April 16, LEAD members will hold a Cultural Diversity Week kick-off breakfast meeting at 8 a.m. in the 1895 Room, University Union. Those interested in attending the breakfast may call Calabrese at 581-2919.

Wednesday, April 17, will be highlighted with a keynote presentation by professional journalist Merv Aubespain. Aubespain will draw on three decades of experience at the Louisville-Courier-Journal and as a participant in the civil rights movement for his discussion on "Montgomery to Louisville: Some Thoughts on Civil Rights and Journalism in America," at 7:30 p.m. in Eastern's Booth Library Lecture Room. His talk coincides with Eastern's Journalism Week activities as well.